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Thanks

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They are named.....I'll get you that information from the workplan.

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Who are the community partners currently listed in the work plan for the grant?

Did our funding require applicants to name them? Or otherwise demonstrate community support for the project?

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Ok let me circle back to you.

Thanks for this offer.

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On Dec 15, 2022, at 7:55 AM, Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov> wrote:

My bad meant to say Jason Meyers, basically one of my counterpart at LDEQ in charge of air monitoring.

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Who is Jim Meyers?

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On Dec 15, 2022, at 7:48 AM, Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov> wrote:

Iris,

For consideration, let me know if you want Jeff and/or I to reach out to Jim Meyers first before Dr. N engages.

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Good morning. I'll make sure we discuss at our morning briefing.

Dr. Nance had her monthly call with LDEQ on Tuesday and mentioned that the community is interested in having EPA at the meeting but we defer to Dr. Brown. They didn't discuss more than that.

Thanks for this thread. We'll circle back.

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On Dec 15, 2022, at 7:24 AM, Tejada, Matthew
<Tejada.Matthew@epa.gov> wrote:

I think a next step would be to reach directly out to LDEQ and flag this as an opportunity and that we are willing to help support them in taking advantage of it – but really want to hear from R6 and recognize that we have a whole thread going here when they are an hour behind us and still waking up 😊

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Dr. Nance – can we reach out to LDEQ to offer to help them facilitate
engagement with the community folks to discuss the project and make
sure the communities thoughts about location are kept in mind?

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Good morning Shreyas, Tiffany, and all,

As you are aware, LDEQ's grant request to operate a Temporary Located Community (TLC) ambient air monitoring site in St. James Parish has been selected by EPA for funding. LDEQ also recognizes that the grant application eluded that the TLC site will be located on the West Bank of the river. However, LDEQ has not yet identified the potential location for the site and does not believe the referenced statement prohibits the placement of the site on the East Bank.

LDEQ staff is currently evaluating potential locations and will select one that will give the best representation of ambient air for the entire area, while considering factors such as utilities, obstructions, security, etc.

Thanks,
Jason Meyers, P.E.
Administrator
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On Dec 14, 2022, at 8:30 AM, Shreyas Vasudevan
<shreyas@labucketbrigade.org> wrote:

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Dear Dr. Brown and LDEQ staff,

I am reaching out to you on behalf of Inclusive Louisiana. We are requesting a meeting with your office, Peter Cazeaux, and other relevant staff assigned to the Ambient Air Monitoring Project in St. James Parish. We are especially concerned seeing that the air monitoring program is planned only for the west bank in St. James, excluding communities in Convent and Romeville on the east bank living near particularly concerning sources of industrial pollution, such as Nucor Steel.

We believe it is extremely important that community input is received for this project from the planning process. We would like to obtain more details on how this project will be carried out, have any concerns addressed, and develop ways to further work with LDEQ to provide St. James residents engagement opportunities throughout the project's course.

Please let us know of your availability to meet, we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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